



Family Advocate Program Now Up and Running

The New Jersey Family Advocate Program ("FAP") is now operational and assisting families and individuals directly impacted by the September 11 Attacks.

Created by Governor James E. McGreevey through Executive Order No. 5 as the replacement for the Family Assistance Center which closed March 22, FAP is designed to meet the long-term needs of families who lost loved ones and individuals who were physically injured in the Attacks. Through individualized attention by experienced and trained family advocates, the program assists families in gaining hassle-free access to resources including charitable and private benefits, legal, financial and mental health services, scholarship programs, job training and skill enhancement programs.

The FAP is run by New Jersey Family Advocate Program Management, Inc. ("NJFAM"), a non-profit corporation established by Executive Order No. 5, under the guidance and supervision of the Governor's Office of Recovery and Victim Assistance. NJFAM is using the services of the United Ways of New Jersey to administer the FAP.

For information or to register, call the FAP at 877-688-5268. The toll-free line is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Those calling after hours are encouraged to leave a message so the call can be returned.

Financial Planning Seminars Set for April

The Disaster Fund for the Children of New Jersey will host free financial planning seminars in April to help families directly impacted by the September 11 Attacks.

The seminars are scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Glen Rock on April 24 and in Basking Ridge on April 25. Topics will include: Overview of Financial Management; the Role of Life Insurance; College Planning/Scholarships; Taxation; Real Estate; and Trusts. Presenters include representatives from major financial institutions.

To reserve a seat, call Kate Winkels at 609-989-7888.

Governor McGreevey Waives Tuition at State Colleges for 9/11 Victims' Families

Governor James E. McGreevey has signed an Executive Order requiring State colleges and universities to waive tuition for the children and spouses of the September 11 Attack victims. The Executive Order is retroactive and provides that tuition for the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 semesters be waived as well as for future terms.

The Executive Order directs State colleges and universities as well as the New Jersey Institute of Technology to immediately refrain from charging tuition to victims' family members until the World Trade Center Scholarship Program becomes operational.

The law establishing the scholarship program calls for the creation of a 10-member board, subject to Senate approval, to raise and distribute funds for the victims' families. One designee, William Barham, who lost his brother-in-law on September 11, has been confirmed by the Senate. Barham is from Monmouth Beach. The remaining nine designees will be subject to confirmation on or after May 9 when the Senate resumes session. The designees, most of whom lost a loved one on September 11, are:

Sheryl Oliver, Jackson
David Lawrence, Summit
Lisa Beamer, Cranbury
Cynthia McDay, Woodbridge
Penny Joseph, East Orange

Tracy Woodall, Oradell
Kelly Colasanti, Hoboken
Karen D'Ambrosi, Woodcliff Lake
Kevin Byrne, New Providence

To be put on a mailing list to receive more information once it becomes available, please contact Gisele Joachim at HESAA. She can be reached at 800-792-8670, ext. 6-2349.

Camp to Host Children Affected by 9/11

The Scott Hazelcorn Memorial Children's Foundation is sponsoring "Camp Haze," a free, week-long camp for children directly affected by the September 11 Attacks on the World Trade Center. The camp will be hosted by Camp Kennybrook in Monticello, New York from August 19 to 25. The foundation was created in honor of Scott Hazelcorn, a Cantor Fitzgerald employee who died on September 11.

Camp Haze, established for children who lost a parent or other loved ones on September 11, will provide typical camping activities in a therapeutic environment and will be run by certified teachers, therapists and experienced camp staff.

Parents or guardians of children interested in applying should contact Amy Callahan at 866 FOR-HAZE. Applications may also be obtained online at www.camphaze.org.

Camp Sunshine Sponsors 'Ray of Hope Week' for Families of 9/11 Victims

Camp Sunshine is sponsoring "Ray of Hope Week" from June 30 to July 5 for children and families who lost loved ones in the September 11 Attacks. The free camp, located in Casco, Maine, will offer activities for all age groups and interests, including boating, fishing, swimming and arts and crafts.

Counseling sessions and workshops will be held each day to give adults and children the chance to share their experiences with others facing similar losses.

Applications should be completed and received by April 30. Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed until the session has reached full capacity at which point a waiting list will be compiled. For an application, log onto www.campsunshine.org/sept11.htm or call 207-655-3800.

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Providing Help for September 11 Victims and Their Families

Horizon Cares Victims' Relief Fund

New Jersey residents whose health care coverage was affected due to the loss of a family member in the September 11 Attacks may be eligible for financial assistance to continue medical and/or prescription coverage through the Horizon Cares Victims' Relief Fund created by Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey. Applications to the Fund require a death certificate; current COBRA notice or health insurance premium bill, and proof of the victim's final residence. For information and an application, call 800-224-1234, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Princeton Psychologists Run Weekly Support Group Meetings for Families of 9/11 Victims

Princeton psychologists Ruth B. Goldston, Ph.D. and Brian G. McDonald, Psy.D., are currently leading weekly support group meetings for families of September 11 victims. The meetings, also run by Kathy Daniels Tedeschi, whose husband was killed in the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, are held for family members from Mercer, Somerset and Middlesex counties as well as Bucks County, Pa. The meetings take place at the Jewish Center in Princeton on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings last up to 2 ½ hours and include large- and small-group discussions of issues faced by participants as well as occasional presentations by community groups and professionals. Participants include widows, widowers, parents, siblings and fiancées of loved ones lost in the September 11 Attacks.

For more information, call Dr. Goldston or Dr. McDonald at 609-497-6440. They can also be reached via e-mail, at rgoldston@email.msn.com or bgm.bgmcd@verizon.net.

Disaster Fund for the Children of New Jersey Urges Families to Submit Applications

While the Disaster Fund for the Children of New Jersey is no longer accepting contributions, it is making one last appeal to eligible families to submit their applications to receive financial assistance. The Fund assists New Jersey families with children (up to age 18, or to age 22, if in college) who lost parents or loved ones in the September 11 Attacks by paying up to six weeks worth of bills. It intends to disburse all its funds as soon as possible.

For information, call the agency at 609-989-7888 or log onto its Web site at www.njchamber.com/medial/childrensfund.htm.

Family Room Opened Near Ground Zero

New York officials have announced the opening of a Family Room at One Liberty Plaza where families of September 11 victims may go to observe the World Trade Center site in a private setting. Located on the 20th floor of One Liberty Plaza, New York, N.Y., the room, which has a children's area, was established exclusively for the families of September 11 victims and replaces the outdoor family

platform on Liberty and West streets.

The Family Room will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on weekends and holidays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Family members are encouraged to bring their "P" or "T" numbers. Large groups are asked to contact the New York Mayor's Community Assistance Unit in advance at 212-788-3000.

'Remember Me' Rose Garden

Oregon resident Sue Casey is mobilizing a nationwide effort to create "Remember Me" Rose Gardens in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pa., in memory of those who died in the September 11 Attacks. The rose gardens will serve as a place where family members, friends and fellow citizens can go to visit and pay tribute to victims of September 11.

If you would like to help in the creation of the rose gardens or know a landscaper who is willing to donate his or her time and services, please contact Sue Casey, 101 SW Main St., Suite 1100, Portland, Ore., 97204. Her telephone number is 503-228-2525. You may also e-mail her at sue@remember-me-rose.com. For more information, log onto www.remember-me-rose.com.

Principles and Blueprint Established for Renewal at World Trade Center Site

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation has announced it has established a set of "principles for action" that will guide the development of the World Trade Center site and created a "Blueprint for Renewal" at the site, including establishing a memorial honoring the victims of the terrorist Attacks and coordinating mass transit services to provide a coherent integration between lower Manhattan and the rest of the city and region.

The LMDC will work with the Port Authority and numerous partners in the public and private sectors to chart a course for revitalizing lower Manhattan.

The principles announced include:

- ❖ creating a memorial honoring the victims of the terrorist Attacks while reaffirming the democratic ideals that came under attack on September 11.
- ❖ making decisions based on an inclusive and open public process.
- ❖ assisting the rapid revitalization of lower Manhattan, in a manner that does not preclude desirable future development plans.
- ❖ coordinating and encouraging infrastructure improvements that will trigger the private investment needed to sustain and enhance lower Manhattan

The complete set of "Principles for Action" and "Blueprint for Renewal" can be viewed in their entirety at www.renewnyc.com. Comments on the principles and blueprint may be submitted by email to renewnyc@hotmail.com or in writing to: Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, Attn: Principles and Blueprint for Renewal, One Liberty Plaza, 20th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10006.